

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

No. 21 Session of 2021

INTRODUCED BY ARGALL, AUMENT, BAKER, BARTOLOTTA, BLAKE, BOSCOLA, BREWSTER, BROOKS, BROWNE, CAPPELLETTI, COLLETT, COMITTA, CORMAN, COSTA, DISANTO, DUSH, FONTANA, GORDNER, HAYWOOD, HUGHES, HUTCHINSON, KANE, KEARNEY, LANGERHOLC, LAUGHLIN, MARTIN, MASTRIANO, MENSCH, MUTH, PHILLIPS-HILL, PITTMAN, REGAN, ROBINSON, SABATINA, SANTARSIERO, SAVAL, SCAVELLO, SCHWANK, STEFANO, STREET, TARTAGLIONE, TOMLINSON, VOGEL, J. WARD, K. WARD, A. WILLIAMS, L. WILLIAMS, YAW AND YUDICHAK, JANUARY 27, 2021

INTRODUCED AND ADOPTED, JANUARY 27, 2021

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and achievements of Pennsylvania State Senator
2 David J. Arnold, Jr.

3 WHEREAS, David "Dave" J. Arnold, Jr., passed away January 17,
4 2021, at the age of 49 after a 15-month battle with brain
5 cancer; and

6 WHEREAS, Mr. Arnold was a lifelong resident of Lebanon County
7 and graduated from Cedar Crest High School in 1989; and

8 WHEREAS, After high school, Mr. Arnold earned his bachelors
9 degree in criminal justice at Kutztown University; and

10 WHEREAS, In 1996, Mr. Arnold earned his law degree from
11 Widener University School of Law, passed the bar exam and began
12 a long legal career; and

13 WHEREAS, After working at the Lebanon County District
14 Attorney's Office and in private practice, he successfully ran

1 to be Lebanon County's District Attorney in 2005; and

2 WHEREAS, He held that position for 14 years until being
3 elected to the State Senate and, from 2016-2017, he served as
4 president of the Pennsylvania District Attorney's Association;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, After the then State Senator for the 48th district
7 in Pennsylvania resigned, Mr. Arnold announced he would be
8 entering the race as a Republican; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Arnold was selected as the Republican nominee
10 from a pool of seven candidates and campaigned on the issue of
11 eliminating child pornography; and

12 WHEREAS, In January 2020, Mr. Arnold won the special election
13 with nearly two thirds of the vote and began to serve his
14 beloved Lebanon County, and portions of both York and Dauphin
15 counties, in the State Senate; and

16 WHEREAS, Mr. Arnold chose to forego his optional pension
17 package and salary, preferring to serve the public in hopes of
18 making things better for the public; and

19 WHEREAS, Despite his cancer diagnosis and medical treatments,
20 Mr. Arnold tirelessly pushed to increase penalties for child
21 pornography-related offenses and had planned to continue to do
22 so in the 2021-2022 session; and

23 WHEREAS, Mr. Arnold is survived by his wife, Alicia, and his
24 daughter, Reese; therefore be it

25 RESOLVED, That the Senate honor the life and achievements of
26 Pennsylvania State Senator David J. Arnold, Jr.